



ILLINOIS HOMELAND SECURITY UPDATE December 21, 2001

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- This is the final Homeland Security Update for calendar year 2001. The next update will be provided during the first week of January 2002. On behalf of Governor Ryan and all of the state agencies and staff involved in Homeland Security, we want to wish you all a safe, peaceful and happy holidays!
- Training and preparedness are crucial elements in building capabilities to respond to terrorism. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a wealth of training materials and information available to assist communities prepare to deal with the consequences of terrorism. For more information, community officials may want to visit FEMA's web site at www.fema.gov/emi/ctr.htm.
- Another excellent web site for general information about homeland security and the United States' war on terrorism can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/homeland>. The site details the latest homeland security developments, provides tips for citizens to protect themselves against terrorism, and includes valuable links to other government sites.
- The Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) has scheduled 23 Critical Incident Response training courses and 69 Emergency Response to Terrorism - Basic Concepts courses for delivery through mobile training units (MTUs). Instructor training kits have been completed and sent to MTUs and the training academy for their use. The Illinois Law Enforcement and Training Standards Board will offer Incident Command and Terrorism/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training to law enforcement officers.

- The IFSI has developed a curriculum with procedures and protocols as statewide standards to address WMD and terrorism for public safety tele-communicators of the Illinois Chapters of the National Emergency Number Association (911 providers) and the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials. In November, an initial program was delivered in Chicago. A meeting of the committee was held December 17, 2001, at the Chicago Emergency Communications (911) Center.
- As of December 17, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Springfield and Chicago laboratories have processed a total of 1,490 negative results for anthrax. The backlog of samples has all been processed. However, samples continue to be submitted to the Division of Laboratories. Last week the Chicago laboratory received 36 samples and the Springfield laboratory 11.
- IDPH staff recently participated in a bio-terrorism exercise in Libertyville. The development and implementation of the exercise were conducted by the Lake County Health Department. The coordinator for the local emergency management agency was the exercise facilitator. Participants included representatives from county hospitals, local fire and police departments, IDPH, the Lake County Health Department, coroner's office, local media, and the Great Lakes Naval Base.
 - The exercise scenario involved the release of plague at a local high school sporting event. For the scenario, the facilitator "walked" the participants through the progression of the incident from a single individual seeking medical attention for an illness of unknown origin through a major disease outbreak impacting local, state and federal authorities. The following objectives were established for the exercise:
 1. Identify the role of Lake County Health Department, medical providers and other agencies in the event of a bio-terrorism attack.
 2. Identify lines of communication and coordination of responding agencies during a bio-terrorism attack.

3. Identify strengths and weaknesses available to the medical community in the event of bio terrorism in Lake County.

Overall, the staff called the exercise a success.

- On December 7, the IDPH conducted an initial meeting of a group to discuss the care of the pediatric population affected by a disaster. Meeting participants included representatives from various associations and providers specializing in pediatric care, including the American Red Cross. The group decided the following issues need to be addressed: development of a list of volunteers (pediatric emergency medicine physicians, pediatric intensive care physicians, pediatric nurses, and Registered Clinical Practitioners (RCPs), identification of necessary pediatric equipment, including pediatric-specific drugs and dosing syringes, more discussion of mental health problems including Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), development of training courses for EMT-Ps, RNs and MD's, and more detailed identification of logistics including ambulance and specialized vehicle transports. The next meeting of the group is scheduled for March 28 in Oakbrook Terrace.
- IDPH has implemented a new training medium through its Health Alert Network called "Video Streaming to the Desk Top". This technology will allow the department to convert regular VHS (analog) training videos into a digital format so they can be viewed on the Intranet. The first video streaming added to the Intranet is the "Smallpox Vaccine: Preparation and Administration" video, which provides instruction on the preparation and administration of the smallpox vaccine. The video was developed by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in April 2001. The second video is the "National Pharmaceutical Stockpile (NPS) Demonstration Video," also produced by the CDC.
- American Red Cross (ARC) chapters have been providing expanded International Humanitarian Law classes for community members and the law enforcement community in response to questions about dealing with foreign national detainees.
- ARC units continue to deliver the "Facing Fear: Helping Young People Deal with Terrorism and Tragic Events" program to local school districts. This module-based training program for K to 12

school children supplements the masters of disaster preparedness program developed by the ARC and funded in part by the Allstate Foundation.

- ARC staff who recently returned from the ARC's Domestic Preparedness Center are assembling "lessons learned" information to help better prepare ARC to respond to an incident in Illinois.
- The Department of Agriculture's National Animal Health Emergency Management Systems (NAHEMS) Grant Committee met and discussed the multi-state meeting scheduled for January 23-24, 2002, in Chicago. The committee is reviewing neighboring states' plans to find commonality and how each state can work together to strengthen Midwest preparedness.
- Central Management Services distributed 10,000 IEMA "Phone Threat Reporting" cards to state agencies.
- Contingency staffing has been arranged to ensure the maintenance of the Department of Natural Resource's full emergency response capabilities during the holiday period.
- The State Fire Marshal and his Deputy Director met with the Fire Advisory Commission (FAC) on December 14 to discuss the work of the Terrorism Task Force and Office of the State Fire Marshal(OSFM)/Fire Service preparedness efforts.
- Work on the OSFM's Internal Command Center is on schedule. Furnishings have arrived, and phone lines were installed. Computer keyboard trays will be installed this week as well as two printer tables. The computers are scheduled to be installed in the next two weeks. Plans are also underway for the installation of emergency power resources.
- The Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics has agreed to create a working group to identify and recommend general aviation airport security measures for state airports. The working group was recommended at a joint meeting of the Illinois Public Airports Association (IPAA), the Illinois Aviation Trades Association (IATA) and the Division of Aeronautics. The working group will consist of airport operators (both large and small operations), fixed base operators, and those interested in general aviation security measures. A date for the first meeting of the group has not been set, but should occur in early January.

- Illinois State Police reports the following information with respect to firearms registration:

FOID Applications Received

	September	October	November	Year (Jan-Dec)
1997	24,455	23,520	18,843	225,202
1998	24,610	22,915	27,889	213,163
1999	22,651	23,491	24,258	235,615
2000	18,590	22,143	22,969	217,773
2001	21,376	30,782	23,074	206,491*

(FOID cards are issued for five years)

FIREARM Transfer Inquiry Program (FTIP) Inquiries

	September	October	November	Year (Jan-Dec)
1997	14,999	17,676	18,518	171,865
1998	13,490	17,224	20,115	166,724
1999	14,385	17,030	21,023	184,289
2000	12,840	14,655	15,669	157,588
2001	14,695	18,536	17,738	138,937*

*January thru November 2001